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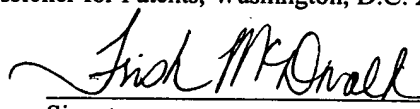
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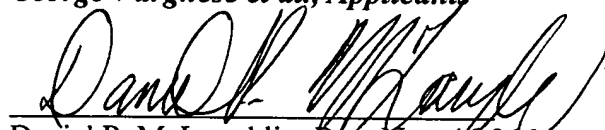
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In response to the final Office Action mailed June 10, 2002 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract to read as shown below. Changes to the Abstract are illustrated in the document attached hereto titled "Marked-Up Abstract".

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A network device for interconnecting computer networks, the device including a bridge having a plurality of ports through which network communications pass to and from the bridge, the bridge also including a first interface enabling a user to partition the plurality of bridge ports into a plurality of groups, wherein each group represents a different virtual network, wherein the bridge treats all ports within a given group as part of the virtual network corresponding to that